GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PENDING FREEDOM FIGHTER PENSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending for the grant of freedom fighter pension as on 31.12.2002 and since when these are pending, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for pendancy;

(c) the action taken by the Government to expedite these cases; and

(d) the time by which all these cases are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSO PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): No cases complete in all respects eligible for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension duly verified and recommended by the State Governments are pending in the Ministry except 3581 cases relating to Hyderabad Liberation Movement, as on 31.12.2002.

(b) & (c): Government of India had constituted a Special Screening Committee to scrutinize the claims for Samman pension on the grounds of participation in border camps during Hyderabad Liberation Movement. Since some complaints were received about the cases recommended by the Committee, all these cases were referred to the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra for verification of claims. Till 31.12.2002, 3581 reports from these State Governments have been received and these are being processed expeditiously for appropriate decision.

(d) While all efforts are being made to dispose of these cases as early as possible no time frame can be indicated.